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TO : Chief, Plans & Policy Staff

DATE: 6 October 1959

FROM : Chief, Operations School

SUBJECT: Report to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities

1. In compliance with your memorandum dated 28 September 1959, the following accomplishments of the Operations School and improvements in our programs are submitted for your consideration:

a. Headquarters Training

During the period in question the Scientific and Technical Collection Course has been increased in length from three to four weeks to accommodate a carefully planned and selected series of visits to missile bases, bacteriological warfare and nuclear installations. The old Clandestine Political Warfare Course has been completely recast in order to reflect current priorities assigned under the Agency PP mission to political action, economic action, and paramilitary action to include covert limited warfare and propaganda. The program will now be known as the Covert Action Operations Course.

b. Overseas Training

During the specified period the Overseas Training Branch Staff completed seven major training studies including one foreign language glossary. Seven other studies are in process including the priority Handbook On Nuclear Warfare. Also during the period the Overseas Training Branch provided 2,533 items of training materials to the Clandestine Services at headquarters and in the field and to other elements of the Intelligence Community.

c. Covert Training

During the period the Covert Training Staff handled a total of forty-one foreign liaison trainees involved in twenty-six separate projects. Simultaneously, the Washington [REDACTED] Staffs accomplished

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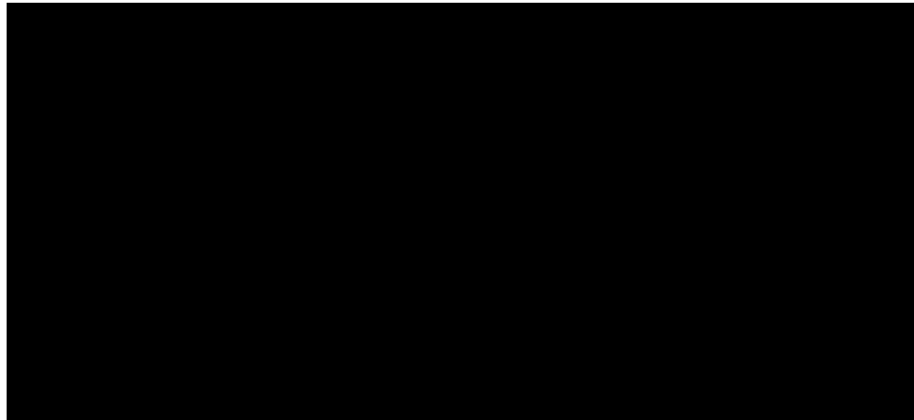
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given carefully outlined assignments in order to enable them to review and revise the entire substance of covert training. Finally, the Chief of Covert Training has instituted a closer relationship of Covert Training personnel with other elements of OTR and particularly the other staffs of the Operations School. There has been developed a close relationship between Covert Training instructors and Operations Course instructors

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d. [REDACTED]

* A training facility capable of self-contained housing of approximately twenty people was constructed just prior to the period and has enabled us to conduct a highly sensitive foreign training program over a period of five months during the reporting period. Under construction at present is a permanent facility which will house twelve individuals of VIP category. During the period a successful instructor training program was conducted which included a four weeks' program of speech and conference techniques for the faculty and intensive orientation for all new instructors. The program of field training for JOTs was extended from sixteen to twenty-four weeks with a resulting improvement in instruction and learning, particularly in the fields of paramilitary activities and technical skills. Duplication of effort has been eliminated and better exploitation of capability has been achieved by the consolidation of the Operations Course and Operations Familiarization Course Staffs. The Chief of Field Training has streamlined the functions of the training staff by making more effective use of [REDACTED] personnel, particularly the [REDACTED] Personnel Officer, thus enabling the [REDACTED] Staff to

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concentrate more specifically on their teaching functions. A four weeks' extension of the OFC to provide Clandestine Services personnel with skills training in operational planning and management has been created and will be offered in the near future. All course chiefs at Field Training have been directed to place all of their course material in written form. This project has been completed by the Audio faculty and is near completion by the Air and [REDACTED] faculties.

e. Office of the Chief

During the period the Special Assistant to the Chief, Operations School, organized and conducted a highly sensitive practical Surveillance and Countersurveillance Course for Division D personnel and National Security Agency officers charged with a complicated electronic collection mission. This officer also put together a two weeks' Operational Security Refresher Course to be offered to already trained individuals about to undertake new assignments. This office also assumed responsibility, in cooperation with PPC/DDP, for the reorganization and presentation of Project USEFUL.

2. It is our opinion that the outstanding accomplishment of the Operations School during the period 31 March - 30 September 1959 is that the Staff is bearing its steadily increasing burden as outlined above with no increase in strength and with very little increase in budget.

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